

REMARKS

Claims 17-19 are presently pending. Claims 1-16 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Publication 2006/0026637 to Gatto. Continued Examination is respectfully requested.

Claim 17 recites, among other limitations, "a video decoder for decompressing a plurality of compressed video streams, thereby resulting in a plurality of decompressed video streams, wherein each of said decompressed video streams comprises a plurality of pictures".

Examiner has indicated that Gatto discloses "a video decoder for decompressing a plurality of compressed video streams, thereby resulting in a plurality of decompressed video streams, wherein each of said decompressed video streams comprises a plurality of pictures (paragraph 0007 shows only a video decoder for accepting a plurality of input stream)". Office Action at 3.

Gatto, paragraph 0007 merely recites:

[0007] In accordance with the above-described objects and those that will be mentioned and will become apparent below, an interactive TV device, according to an embodiment of the present invention, comprises an input, the input being configured to accept a plurality of input streams; an output, the output being configured to selectively output a plurality of output streams; a first digital bus connected between the input and output, the first digital bus being uninterrupted between the input and the output; an analog bus connected between the input and the output, the analog bus including a video signal decoder coupled to the input and a video signal encoder coupled to the output, and a graphics processing assembly coupled to the first digital bus and to the analog bus.

Assignee respectfully submits that, while Gatto at [0007] may recite, "the analog bus including a video signal decoder coupled to the input", Gatto at [0007] does not teach that the aforementioned "analog bus including the video signal decoder" "decompress[es] a plurality of compressed video streams, thereby resulting in a plurality of decompressed video streams". In fact, Gatto [0007] does not even teach "a plurality of compressed video streams".

Accordingly, Gatto, especially Gatto [0007] does not teach or fairly suggest "a video decoder for decompressing a plurality of compressed video streams, thereby resulting in a plurality of decompressed video streams, wherein each of said decompressed video streams comprises a plurality of pictures". For this reason alone, Assignee respectfully traverses the rejection to claim 17 and requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection, as well as to dependent claims 18 and 19.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully submits that each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance and Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. It is believed that no fee is due, however, to the extent that any fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to charge account 13-0017.

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